

January 26, 2004

**Comments to the FCC regarding WC DOCKET NO. 03-259
and Comp. Pol. File No. 667**

To Whom It May Concern:

CIMCO Communications is a CLEC serving business customers in Illinois. CIMCO fully supports Qwest Communications' request to extend the deadline for migration of customers from Touch America's Frame and ATM services to February 28, 2004. CIMCO is diligently working to migrate customers off Touch America's network but will be unable to complete the migration by the current deadline. Following are CIMCO's reasons for supporting Qwest's extension request.

- CIMCO did not receive timely notification from Qwest or Touch America regarding the necessary migration. CIMCO received an initial notification about the required migration in early January. CIMCO is working quickly to migrate affected customers, however, a January 31 deadline is not adequate. CIMCO anticipates completion of the migration by mid-to late- February.
- CIMCO has 14 business customer locations affected by the migration deadline. The January 31 deadline is not sufficient time to complete the migration. The affected data applications are critical to each of these businesses and the January deadline will severely interrupt and damage each customer's business operations. One of the affected customers is a large Illinois hospital that would be devastatingly affected by the cutoff deadline.
- CIMCO has observed that the underlying records supporting the customer information is very poor in both Qwest and Touch America Systems. It is in our customers' best interest that this conversion be efficiently organized to alleviate any inconvenience caused by the bankruptcy and short migration timeframes.

In conclusion, CIMCO, on behalf of its customers fully supports Qwest's extension request to February 28, 2004. We ask that the FCC grant the extension to assist CLEC's such as CIMCO, a reasonable timeframe to complete the migration and save customers from unnecessary interruptions of their communications services. For specific questions about CIMCO Communications position, please contact Bill Dvorak, Chief Financial Officer at 630-691-8080.

Respectfully,

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